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DXCC NEWS

Dave, NN1N, from ARRL HQ in Newington, CT, reports the following on March 28th:

DXCC Deletion of Kingman Reef -- The ARRL Awards Committee has voted to delete Kingman Reef (KH5) from the DXCC List, effective 29th March, 2016. Kingman Reef will be added to the Deleted Entities List on 29th March, 2016. The total number of entities on the List will drop from 340 to 339.

The deletion process is described in DXCC Rules Section II DXCC List Criteria, Part 5(a) Deletion Criteria: "An entity may be deleted from the List if it no longer satisfies the criteria under which it was added. However, if the entity continues to meet one or more currently existing rules, it will remain on the List.

With respect to the previous paragraph's text, Kingman Reef's original addition by virtue of separate administration has changed (separate ad- ministration by the U.S. Navy has been removed), and the reef does not meet any current criteria to remain on the list. The U.S. Fish and Wild- life Service administers Kingman Reef and Palmyra Island. The reef is too close to Palmyra Island to count as a separate entity. The reef is now considered part of the Palmyra/Jarvis DXCC entity.

DXCC members who have affirmed credit with Kingman Reef will see their current entity totals drop by one on their DXCC awards -- including on the bands and modes where Kingman Reef credit is given. They will also see their DXCC Challenge totals drop commensurately. Honor Roll status will now be attainable after confirming 330 entities on the DXCC List.

FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION NEWS

Press Release from their Web page: (dates March 28th) Warning at the start!

FT4JA soon on the air -- After 2 days at sea on board the Antsiva and almost 2,000 contacts in the log / mm, we are now at anchor off Juan de Nova. As stated on our permits, we can not land tomorrow at dawn.

The whole team is looking forward to dismount and begin the assembly camp. Unloading plan is defined. We will install in parallel the camp radio, generators, antennas, and the life of the camp, which is a sub- stantial amount of work.

Depending on conditions, and if we do not encounter difficulties, we should be on the air in late tomorrow.

VK0EK HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

Several press releases were sent out over the past few days and posted on their Web page. This includes many pictures being posted. All press releases can be views at:

http://vk0ek.org

The dates and titles of the press releases are as follows:

March 26th: Donor Listing on the Web Sites (and LOTW) [26-MAR-2016 1600z]
March 26th: New DXA Link Which Will Greatly Improve Performance!
http://dxa.vk0ek.org
March 26th: Science, Adventure and Schools!
March 27th: First Statistics [27-MAR-2016 0030z]
March 27th: Missing 20M QSO's from Last Night [27-MAR-2016 0200z]
March 27th: Status Update 27-MAR-2016 [0221z]
March 27th: 16K QSO's and New Photo's
March 27th: Heard Island Transport
March 28th: Status Update: [2016-03-28 01:58:49Z]
March 28th: 21K QSOs, 5 Stations on Air, SSB After Contest and 40% Uniques! [28-MAR-2016 1236z]

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